

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: East Echo Timber Sale 30-073722 and attached Forest Practice Application No. 2409639, a one-unit sale comprised of 62 acres of even-aged regeneration harvest of 1,538 MBF with 2,386 feet of optional road construction.

Description of mitigation: The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Marbled Murrelet- This proposal is not within any reclassified marbled murrelet habitat stands and is second growth timber that does not have habitat characteristics for the marbled murrelet, PR 14-004-320,

Stream and Wetland Protection - All streams and wetlands adjacent to the sale meet or exceed HCP required buffers; the Type A wetlands adjacent to west and southwest boundary received an average buffer of 200 feet, the Type 3 streams flowing out of these Type A wetlands to the west and northwest are also buffered an average 200 feet. In addition, the forested wetland and Type 3 stream flowing northeast also was buffered an average of 200 feet. All these are no cut buffers. PR 14-004-150 & PR 14-004-10,

Slope Stability- Sale boundaries were located away from areas of instability, there were no areas found within the sale units that were potentially unstable. PR 14-004-050,

Retention Trees- Scattered leave trees were retained at a rate of six trees per acre. Individual leave trees were selected from the most wind-firm, dominant Douglas-firs and occasional western red cedars, there is also a 4 acre leave tree clump containing approximately 440, the total distribution of leave trees amounts to approximately 12 trees per acre. PR 14-004-210,

Roads – includes optional road construction of one spur and an extension of the existing road for a total of 2,386 feet. Road location utilizes an existing non-DNR road network to minimize new construction and construction through sensitive areas on DNR land.

For specifics on all mitigation measures consult the SEPA document for this proposal.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any: The proposal consists one unit located in the E ½ of Section 34 in Township 24 North, Range 7 East, W.M., NE ¼ of Section 3 in Township 23 North, Range 7 East. The haul route is in Sections 34 and 35 all of Township 24 North, Range 7 East, W.M. within the Tiger Mountain planning unit, approximately 7 miles west of North Bend, in King County. See the attached Forest Practices Application.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 24, 2004. Comments must be submitted by March 9, 2004.**

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